(d) whether the amount is reallocated to all the district for implementation; and

(e) the present status of this project ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (e) Yes, Sir. The Karnataka Sustainable Forest Management and Biodiversity Conservation Project is being implemented in all the districts of Karnataka with the loan assistance from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC). The total sanctioned cost of the Project is Rs. 745 crores including Rs. 131.734 crores as State share. So far, an amount of Rs. 37,033 crores has been disbursed by the JBIC. The JBIC has agreed to provide funds at 0.75% annual interest rate with a re-payment period of 30 years from 2015 onwards. Under the programme activities such as afforestation, income generation activities for poverty alleviation, biodiversity conservation provision of basic infrastructure support for field work and other supporting activities for forest management have been included. The Project period is 2005-06 to 2012-13. The Project is being implemented as per schedule.

Seed and fertilizers subsidy to farmers

1179. DR. VIJAYA MALLYA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of subsidy being paid to farmers to purchase seeds and fertilizers for farming activities;

(b) whether the subsidy is distributed equally to small and marginal farmers;

(c) the parameters considered while distributing the subsidy; and

(d) the programmes launched by Government to educate the farmers in adopting modern agricultural technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) The quantum of subsidy provided to farmers under different crop and Seed development schemes to purchase seeds through State Department of Agriculture is Rs. 200/qtls. For wheat and rice, Rs. 400/qtls. for varieties coarse cereals like Bajra, Jowar, Ragia

dn Barley, Rs. 1000/qtls. for hybrid seeds of Bajra and Jowar, Rs. 800/ qtls. or 25% of the Seed cost which ever is less for Jute, Pulses, Oilseeds and Maize Seed and Rs. 2000/ qtls, for Cotton Seed: The amount of subsidy provided on urea is 11749 crores, on phosphorous and potash fertilizers (DiAmmoninum Phosphate, 11 Grades of Nitrogen, Phosphorous and Potash complex fertilizers, Murate of Potash/Single Super Phosphate) is Rs. 6550 crores during 2005-06.

(b) and (c) Due consideration is given to small and marginal farmers under crop and seed development schemes. The objective behind giving subsidy is to make these inputs available to the farmers at affordable prices.

(d) Support to State Extension Programme for Extension Reforms, Mass Media Support to Agriculture, Kissan Call Centres, Establishment of Agriclinic and Agri-Business Centres by Agriculture Graduates. Information dissemination through Krishi Melas, Pre-season Trainings, Farmer's Field School on Integrated Pest Management and Integrated Nutrient Management, Farmers Training, Block Demostration, Front line Demonstration, Farmer's Awareness campaign, Farmers' Exposure visit (inside and outside State), Soil Health Card and Health Management Programmes and Seed Village Programme are the measures taken by Government to educate the farmers in adopting modern agricultural technology.

Implementation of NAIS

1180. SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the State and the Union Territories where the National Agriculture Insurance Scheme (NAIS) has not been implemented;

(b) the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented in all the State; and

(d) the details of the insurance companies implementing NAIS?